

**REMARKS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 23, 2006.

Referring to Paragraph 3 of the outstanding Office Action, Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration of the rejection under 35U.S.C.102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. US 2006/0046699 of Guyot et al. Applicants have cancelled all of the original claims and submits herewith new claims 16 to 36. New claims 16 and 26 are the sole independent claims now presented in this application. Each of independent claims 16 and 26 is directed to an invention for providing information in the form of messages that are directed to selected groups of users. Each group of users are identified by a particular criteria. In particular, each of the users wants to receive messages bearing information identified by the criteria and are also identified by that common criteria. For example, the users of one exemplary group may reside or have contact to a particular region. In accordance with Applicant's system, a plurality of messages may be individually sent to each user of that group indicating that a certain event has occurred in that geographic location. Such an event could illustratively be an emergency such as a natural catastrophe or even a terrorist attack within that region. In that event, the invention composes a message indicating that such a natural catastrophe or a terrorist attack has occurred in the particular region.

In order to establish such groups, Applicants' invention permits a user to register to be a part of a particular group which is related to the particular criteria. In particular, each user who has registered to receive messages relating to a particular criteria is one of the users

of that group. In other words, each group comprises users who are related in some manner to the particular criteria. To enable the transmission of the message relating to a particular criteria, the invention accesses the address of each of the users belonging to a particular group and, in particular, relating to a particular criteria. When it is desired to send messages relating to a particular criteria, the message is composed and the group of users related to the particular criteria is identified. The corresponding addresses of users in that group are attached to the messages to the users of the particular group, before sending the messages to the addressed users.

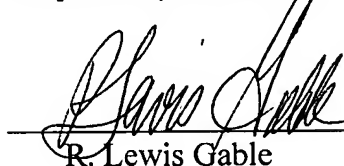
Applicants have carefully considered Guyot and respectfully asserts that this reference does not disclose the enabling of a user to register to receive messages relating to a particular subject. Further Guyot does not teach how Applicant accesses addresses within a particular group as it is related to that criteria, whereby one or more messages providing information related to the criteria are sent to a particular group of users. Applicant respectfully asserts that each of independent claims 16 and 26 protects Applicants' method of enabling a user to register to receive messages bearing information relating to a particular criteria, the accessing of addresses of the users that have registered to be a part of a particular group and, finally, the transmitting of a plurality of messages bearing information related to a common criteria to the users included within a particular group. In view of the above discussion, it is respectfully asserted that independent claims 16 and 26, as well as the various claims dependent therefrom, are deemed to be patentable.

The undersigned has also reviewed U.S. Patent No. 6,400,942 of Hansson et al., U.S. Publication No. 2003/0140091 of Himmel et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0052194A of

Sivakumar and U.S. Patent No. 6,366,771 of Angle et al. have been reviewed and do not disclose in the least Applicant's permitting users to register to receive messages of a common criteria, the accessing of addresses of those users and using the accessed addresses to send messages bearing information related to the common criteria as recited in Applicant's independent claims 16 and 26.

In view of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully asserts that all of the claims now presented in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner is unable to allow this application, he is requested to place a telephone call to the undersigned to suggest those changes whereby this application may be speedily prosecuted to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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